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C H R O N O S - D E E P -

STORY

INVITED BY HATSUKI AND KOYOMI NANASAWA IO JOINS THE TITANS, A DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY DEDICATED TO HUNTING "KAGETSUKI" PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN POSSESSED BY A SHADOW. A NEW MEMBER, KAMINAGA SUOU, JOINS THE TEAM TOGETHER WITH HIS SHADOW RHEA. HE AND IO ARE SENT AS UNDERCOVER AGENTS TO SEIOU PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL. SEIOU HIGH SCHOOL IS A PRESTIGIOUS HIGH LEVEL SCHOOL WHERE TWO STUDENTS AKIRA YASHIKI AND TAKASHI IMANISHI HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ONE OF THEIR PROFESSORS, RYUNOSUKE FUJI. SUOU FINDS A WEAK SPOT THROUGH WHICH RHEA CAN POSSESS FUJI AND FINALLY TAKE CONTROL.

IN THE MEANTIME, ON THE ROOFTOP, IO MEETS A MYSTERIOUS MAN CALLED HARU. HARU'S SHADOW, URANUS, BLENDS TOGETHER WITH CHRONOS AS HARU AND IO CONFRONT EACH OTHER WITHOUT THEIR SHADOWS' SUPPORT. HARU CONFESSES THAT HE WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED THE WHOLE NANASAWA FAMILY IN ORDER TO ISOLATE IO. SUOU AND RHEA COME TO THE RESCUE OF A VERY CONFUSED IO BUT THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO AGAINST HARU'S MYSTERIOUS POWERS. THE GATE TO THE SHADOW WORLD OPENS BEFORE THEM. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, IO WAKES UP WITH NO MEMORIES OF HIS FRIENDS.

CHARACTERS

NANASAWA IO
A LONELY BOY WHO HAS LOST HIS ENTIRE FAMILY THANKS TO HIS SHADOW CHRONOS. HE CAN SAVE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN "POSSESSED" BY A SHADOW A CONSPIRACY SURROUNDING CHRONOS, THE KING OF THE TWELVE SHADOWS, DARKNESS.

TOGAWA HATSUKI
IO'S BEST FRIEND. HATSUKI HUNTS KAGETSUKI WITH THE HELP OF HIS SHADOW KOKI. WHEN IO'S POWER FORCES HIM TO FACE HIS KIND, HE LEAVES THE TEAM, ONLY TO REJOIN IT SOON AFTER.

FUKAMACHI MEGURU
TOGETHER WITH HIS SHADOW, CEAN, HE'S IN CHARGE OF RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS. BEING THE OLDEST IN THE TEAM, HE'S ALSO THE LEADER. HE TAKES CEAN, HE'S CURRENTLY CURRYING OUT AN INVESTIGATION TOGETHER WITH KOYOMI.

SOMEYA KOYOMI
A GIRL WHO HUNTS SHADOWS TOGETHER WITH TOGAWA AND KAMINAGA. HER SHADOW IS TETHYS. SHE'S CURRENTLY TEAMING UP WITH FUKAMACHI. SHE'S COMMITTED TO HER WORK. SHE'S VERY FOND OF SAKI.

KAMINAGA SUOU
RHEA'S MASTER. IN ORDER TO SAVE HIS BROTHER, HE TRIES TO TAKE CHRONOS AWAY FROM IO BY MANIPULATING HATSUKI AND HAVING HIM ATTACK HIS FRIEND. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECRUITED BY KIRIKI WHO DID HIM JOIN THE TITANS.

MYSTERIOUS MAN
A MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO SHOWS UP BEFORE IO AND OFFERS TO SAVE HIM TO K STATION. COULD IT BE THAT HE HAD ALREADY MET IO SOMEWHERE?

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SHADOWS AND THEIR MASTERS!

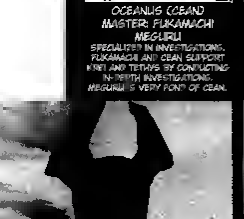
OCEANUS (CEAN)
MASTER: FUKAMACHI MEGURU
SPECIALIZED IN INVESTIGATIONS, FUKAMACHI AND CEAN SUPPORT KIRIKI AND TETHYS BY CONDUCTING IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIONS. MEGURU'S VERY FOND OF CEAN.

TETHYS
MASTER: SOMEYA KOYOMI
TETHYS IS A FIGHTING-TYPE SHADOW. JUST LIKE KIRIKI, SHE HAS SOLVED MANY CASES TOGETHER WITH KOYOMI. SHE'S LIKE AN OLDER SISTER FOR KOYOMI AND SHE'S VERY UNDERSTANDING.

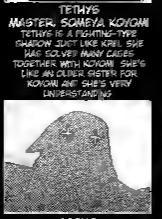
KREIOS (KREI)
MASTER: TOGAWA HATSUKI
HE'S A SHADOW OF THE FIGHTING TYPE. FOR THIS REASON, HE AND HATSUKI WERE THE ONES TO KILL MOST OF THE KAGETSUKI. WHEN HATSUKI WAS POSSESSED BY RHEA, KREI PROTECTED HIS CONSCIOUSNESS.

CHRONOS
MASTER: NANASAWA IO
THE KING OF THE TWELVE SHADOWS. A UNIQUE WHITE SHADOW WHICH EMITS AN EXCEPTIONAL WARMTH WHICH ATTRACTS OTHER SHADOWS. HE CAN ALSO ANNIHILATE THE MEMORIES OF HIS HOST. HE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SHADOWS.

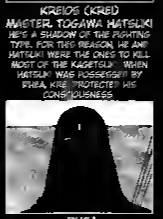
LET'S REVIEW ALL THE INFORMATION REGARDING SHADOWS AND THEIR MASTERS! WHO IS THE NEW SHADOW POSSESSING IO?



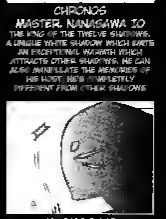
URANUS
MASTER: HARU
A SHADOW SURROUNDED IN MYSTERY THAT LOOKS LIKE CHRONOS.



COELUS
MASTER: KIRIKI
DEFENSIVE-TYPE SHADOW. HE CAN PROTECT OTHER SHADOWS FROM ALL ATTACKS, BUT THE DETAILS ARE UNKNOWN. HE'S ROBOTIC IO AND HATSUKI FROM KIRIKI'S FOX-LIKE SHADOWS.



RHEA
MASTER: KAMINAGA SUOU
A SHADOW THAT CAN CREATE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF OFFSPRING THANKS TO WHICH SHE CAN POSSESS AND MANIPULATE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. SHE JOINED THE TITANS TOGETHER WITH SUOU. SHE'S SO STRONG THAT SUOU HAS TO SEAL HER POWERS.



MNEMOSYNE
MASTER: HAITANI SAKI
HER SPECIALITY IS THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION. SHE CAN TAMPER WITH THE MEMORIES OF THE HUMAN WORLD TO STEAL INFORMATION. SHE'S SAKI'S FRIEND.

WHO IS THE SHADOW CURRENTLY POSSESSING IO?
IO IS OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT THAT THE SHADOW INSIDE HIM IS NOT THE CHRONOS HE KNOWS.

WAIT!
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!
WHY ARE WE LEAVING THE CITY ALL OF A SUDDEN?
OUR INVESTIGATION IS STILL UNDERWAY,
AND HQ DIDN'T ORDER US TO RETREAT.
WE CAN'T SEEM TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE HQ.
I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ANY OF THEM SINCE YESTERDAY NIGHT.
WHAT?!
KOYOMI,
CAN YOU NAME ALL PEOPLE THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?
EH?

WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT, MEG-CHAN?
STOP COM-PLAINING AND NAME THEM.
OF COURSE THERE'S HATSUKI,
IO...
AND YOU,
AND THEN THERE'S TETHYS..
TETHYS AND... LET ME SEE...
.....
IS THAT ALL?
AREN'T YOU FOR-GETTING SOME-BODY?
OF COURSE NOT...
...
HOW COULD I...
FORGET...
BA-DUMP
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A FACE THAT EVOKED VAGUE MEMORIES.
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EP.21 WEDGE OF DREAMS
AIKAWA YUU

FUJI-SENSEI,
I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU'RE NO LONGER A KAGETSUKI AND ARE BACK TO YOUR NORMAL SELF
HE'S IN GOOD SHAPE.
CHRONOS, YOU MANAGED TO DRIVE OUT THE KAGETSUKI POSSESSING HIM, DIDN'T YOU?
I did.
Fuji Ryuuichi was lucky
that someone like you, Io, who has the power to drive kagetsuki out of their host, was transferred to this school.
.....

BY THE WAY...
What?
DID I REALLY MOVE HERE ALL ALONE?
Are you still going on about that?
WHY DID I DECIDE TO TRANSFER TO THIS SCHOOL?
HEY,
YOU!
I FEEL LIKE THERE WAS SOMEONE WITH ME
SOMEONE WHO WAS WITH ME ALL THE TIME, BEFORE I EVEN TRANSFERRED HERE

PANT
PANT
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
WHY HAVE YOU BEEN REJECTING ALL OF MY CALLS?!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW WORRIED I WAS?!
STARTLE
IO?

ARE YOU A STUDENT FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL?
A-ARE YOU A TRANSFER STUDENT, BY ANY CHANCE?
EH?
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SHOW YOU THE WAY TO THE STAFF ROOM?
I-IO...?
UHM ...
W...
HOW DO YOU
KNOW MY NAME?
I'M A LITTLE EMBARRASSED
CLATTER
CLANG

QUIT IT ALREADY!
THIS IS MINE
KICKING STUFF AROUND IS NOT GOING TO HELP!
HOW COULD IO POSSIBLY FORGET ALL ABOUT ME?
WHEN HE ASKED ME HOW I KNEW HIS NAME...
I FELT SOMETHING BREAKING INSIDE ME.
IT HAP-PENED TO ME TOO...
I HAD COM-PLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT SAKI-CHAN
SOB
UNTIL MEG-CHAN FINALLY REMINDED ME ABOUT HER.
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!
COME ON YOUR BUNNY'S HERE
PUSH
It's all right, Koyami.

THEN WHAT ABOUT IO?
HE HAS CHRONOS, AND YET..
we can help you remember what you forgot.
But, since you are possessed by a Shadow
You made Koyomi cry...
TETHYS!
IT WAS NOT ME!
HE'S COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT US, EVEN THOUGH NOTHING HAPPENED TO US..*

*NOTE: KOYOMI FORGOT ABOUT SAKI LINKED TO THE FACT THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER, YET IO FORGOT ABOUT THEM EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE ALRIGHT

HE SAID THAT THE SHADOW INSIDE OF IO
LOOKS LIKE CHRONOS, BUT ISN'T CHRONOS.
I DON'T GET IT...
THAT'S WHAT OZAI SAY.
I DON'T QUITE GET IT, EITHER.
BY THE WAY, RIGHT NOW WE REALLY NEED
TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.
I'M GOING BACK TO HQ TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON
WHAT?
YOU'RE GOING ALONE?
NO WAY! WE'RE COMING WITH YOU!
THERE'S NO NEED TO.
YOU TWO SHOULD TRY TO HELP IO RETURN TO HIS NORMAL SELF.

What's wrong, Io?
You've been restless the whole day.
IF IO GETS HIS MEMORIES BACK
WE WILL FINALLY LEARN WHAT'S GOING ON...
WE'LL LEARN WHY KAMINAGA SHOU DISAPPEARED,
AND WHAT HAPPENED TO CHRONOS!
I CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU, CHRONOS.

EARLIER TODAY,
A STRANGER STOPPED ME
I DON'T KNOW WHICH SCHOOL HE IS FROM,
BUT FOR A MOMENT, I FELT DEEPLY NOSTALGIC...
I CAN'T HELP WONDERING HOW HE CAME TO KNOW MY FIRST NAME,
SWISH
SINCE EVEN MY CLASS-MATES CALL ME BY MY LAST NAME.
THE MERE FACT THAT
HE CALLED OUT TO ME IS WEIRD,
SINCE NO ONE EVER TALKS TO ME.
Io.
IF HE WERE A TRANSFER STUDENT...
Io...
WE MAY MEET AGAIN AT SCHOOL.
Io...
MAYBE I'LL FINALLY MANAGE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE.

Don't forget that
you are alone, Io.
And you'll always be alone...
A DREAM ...

I'M DREAMING
OF A WORLD WITH NO LIGHT....
LONGING FOR A LITTLE WARMTH.
Nanasawa Io...
THOSE QUARREL-SOME MONSTERS
THE MONSTERS
ENGULF THAT FEEBLE LIGHT.
BECOME DARKER ...
BEFORE IT HAS TIME TO GENERATE MORE WARMTH.
THINNER ...
COLDER.

SHARP PAIN
WHO ARE YOU?
Wake up, Nanasawa Io.
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
You are still dreaming.
They cannot find us here.
Suou-sama left one of my offspring inside you,
and told me to wait until the right time came.
My name is Rhea.
I THINK I'VE SEEN YOU SOMEWHERE ...
OH, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
WHO IS THIS SUOU-SAMA?
OH, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
OH, IT TOILET SIGN NORMALLY

Listen to me, Nanasawa Jo.
The false Chronos inside you has tampered with your memory.
FALSE... CHRONOS?
The time came earlier than expected,
because Cean came looking for you.
FAINT SIGNS BLOCKED!?
THAT SOUNDS PRETTY AWFUL, RHEA.
It's only a tainted, empty shell resulting from the fusion of Chronos and Uranus.
That is not the real Chronos.
DEFEAT HIM?
In order to defeat him...
The false Chronos is controlled by Haru.
His job is to isolate you.
You must resist your inner voice,
and trust your friends,
even with your life

I'll help you defeat that emptiness.
DEAF
Have faith in the fact that you are not alone
startle
A WHITE SHADOW
A DREAM?
DO YOU THINK
IO WILL NOTICE IT?

WHICH SCHOOL ARE YOU FROM?! DO YOU HAVE PERMISSION?!
WHAT'S THIS POSTER?!
I TOLD YOU IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME.
run away!

WHO KNOWS,
BUT SINCE HE'S REJECTING ALL OF OUR CALLS AND MESSAGES, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY...
HEY, YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
A GIRL WITH LONG HAIR
A GIRL

LATELY I'VE BEEN EATING EITHER AT THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA OR AT THE TOWN. SO I

I III 24?
growl

BUT IF I◎ WERE TO NOTICE ONE OF THOSE,
THERE WOULD BE REASON FOR HOPE.
I III 24

JUST AS I THOUGHT, THERE'S NO ONE HERE...
I THOUGHT IT MEANT
CLASS 1-3 AT MIDNIGHT,
SO I THOUGHT I WOULD COME TAKE A LOOK.
YOU WERE RIGHT, NANASAWA IO.

REALLY ?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SIMPLY TRYING TO LURE HIM HERE WITH FOOD.
YOU SEE? IT WORKED!
THAT WAS THE IMAGE I SENT HIM WHEN I FIRST TEXTED HIM.

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IMAGES FROM THE PAST BIND THEM TO IO.
WALKING NONCHALANTLY INTO THE CLASSROOM LATE AT NIGHT, HOPING TO FIND FOOD.
WHAT A RASCAL.
I TOLD YOU, THAT'S NOT IT!
IO HASN'T COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT US.
SOMEWHERE DEEP IN HIS HEART HE PROBABLY REMEMBERS US.
Who are these people?
ba-dump
ba-dump
ba-dump
?
I've never met them before, and yet...
Their presence wrings my heart.
ALL RIGHT! WHATEVER!

SWOOSH
DRIVE OUT THE FALSE CHRONOS POSSESSING IO!
Sure, Koyomi.
Shadows?!
!
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE!
TETHYS!
KREI! GET MOVING!
Sure...
ARE THEY KAGET-SUKI TOO?
.....
CHRONOS!

WILL THEY MANAGE TO OVERCOME THE FALSE CHRONOS?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
CHRONOS
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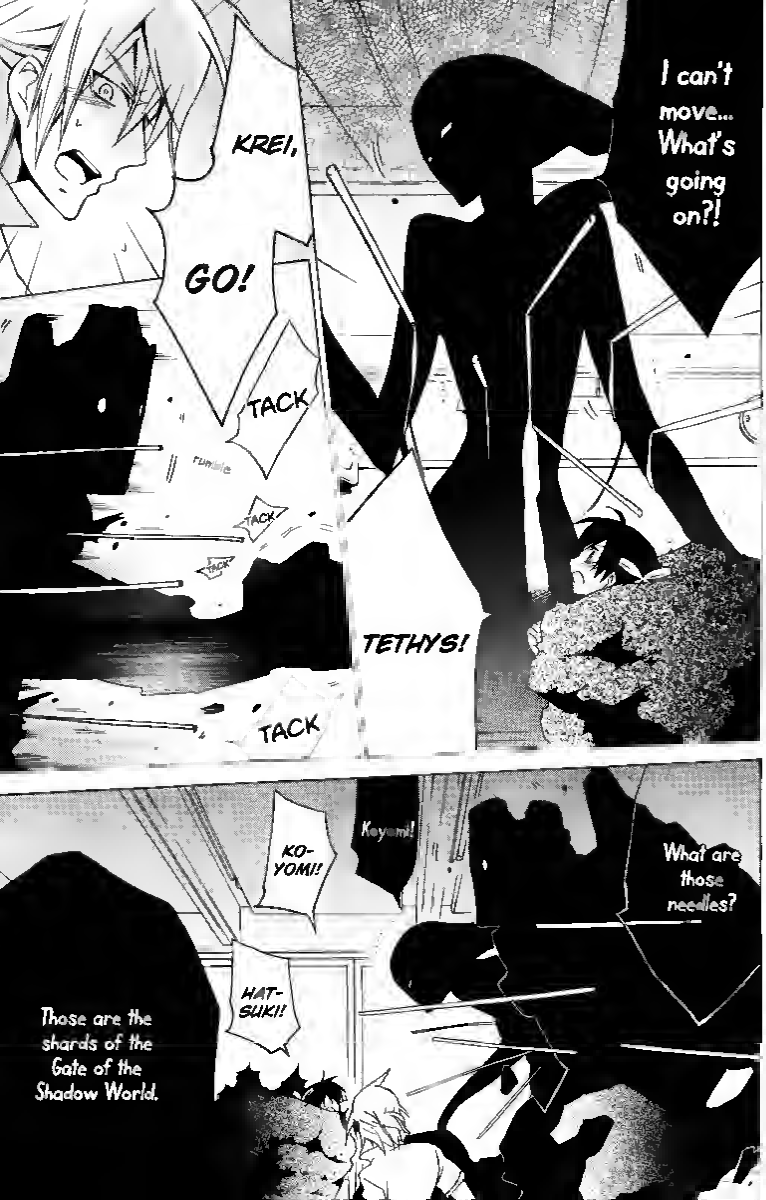
IAPETUS THE CONCEALER

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?!
DOES IO REALLY BELIEVE THAT THING OVER THERE IS CHRONOS?!
CHRONOS HAS ALWAYS BEEN BY MY SIDE...
THAT JUST CAN'T BE...
WAS HE MADE TO BELIEVE THAT?

SHIVER
devour those two Shadows?
What's wrong, Io?
Do you mind?!
AH...

WAIT A SECOND!
BOOM
HATSUKI ?!
I'M ALL RIGHT, KOYOMI...
AFTER ALL, THIS ISN'T CHRONOS.
THIS IS JUST A MINNOW.

my name is Chronos.
No,
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!
CHRONOS ?!
NO!
I'm the King of the Shadow World!
TACK
TACK
TACK
Koyomi!


KREI,
GO!
TACK
TACK
TACK
TACK
I can't move... What's going on?!
TETHYS!
KO-YOMI!
Koyomi!
What are those needles?
HAT-SUKI!
Those are the shards of the Gate of the Shadow World.

eek
!
They are part of my body...
LET GO!
CHRO-NOS?!
I am the Gate of the Shadow World.
I am Chronos,
the King of the Shadow World.
Gate of the Shadow World?
King of the Shadow World?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
THE OFFICES OF THE HQ ARE THE ONLY ONES IN THE WHOLE BUILDING THAT ARE WITHOUT POWER...
CREAK
MEGURU, DO YOU KNOW THAT
CREAK
CREAK
THE DIREC-TOR'S OFFICE...
IS THERE SOMEONE HERE AFTER ALL?
THE GATE OF THE SHADOW WORLD
IS LIKE A BARRIER PREVENTING SHADOWS FROM LEAVING THEIR WORLD?

FOR SHADOWS, IT IS JUST LIKE THE DOOR OF A PRISON.
A DOOR PREVENTING THEM FROM FEEDING ON THE WARMTH AVAILABLE IN THIS WORLD.
THAT GATE WAS OPENED SEVEN YEARS AGO...
SEVEN YEARS AGO?
DIREC-TOR!
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
I WAS UNABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE HQ SO I WAS...
MEGURU-KUN...

HQ WAS SHUT DOWN
WHAT?!
"MEGURU-KUN"?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
tap
tap
THERE'S NO ONE LEFT HERE, MEGURU-KUN.
BESIDES THE TWO OF US, OF COURSE.
K-KIRIKI-SAN?

*T/N. IAPETUS, AKA "THE PIERCER", IS THE TITAN OF MORTALITY

HIS SHADOW WAS IAPETUS*, THE CONCEALER.
HE HAD BEEN CONCEALING THE PRESENCE OF NANASAWA IO FOR A LONG TIME.
D-DIRECTOR?!
THAT GUY'S BEEN NOTHING BUT AN EMPTY SHELL FOR A PRETTY LONG TIME.
HARU?
HE HAD MANAGED TO HIDE BOTH CHRONOS AND IO FROM HARU.

SO HE FORCED IAPETUS OUT OF THIS MAN'S BODY AND MADE IT HIS OWN.
SINCE THEN, THE DIRECTOR HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT A LIVING PUPPET.
YES...
THE DIRECTOR WAS AN OBSTACLE FOR HARU.
HE FELL DOWN
SOMETIMES HARU WOULD USE HIM FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES.
WHEN HE DIDN'T, I WOULD.
creak
USE HIM? HAVE YOU BEEN MANIPULATING THE DIRECTOR?!
H-HAVE YOU, KIRIKI-SAN?!
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU HERE, MEGURU-KUN.
SHALL WE GET GOING ALREADY?

CEAN!
THAT GIRL, WHO BECAME YOUR SISTER SEVEN YEARS AGO,
AND THAT WOMAN WHO WORKED AS AN INSTRUCTOR HERE,
THEY'RE BOTH WAITING FOR YOU IN THE WORLD OF SHADOWS.
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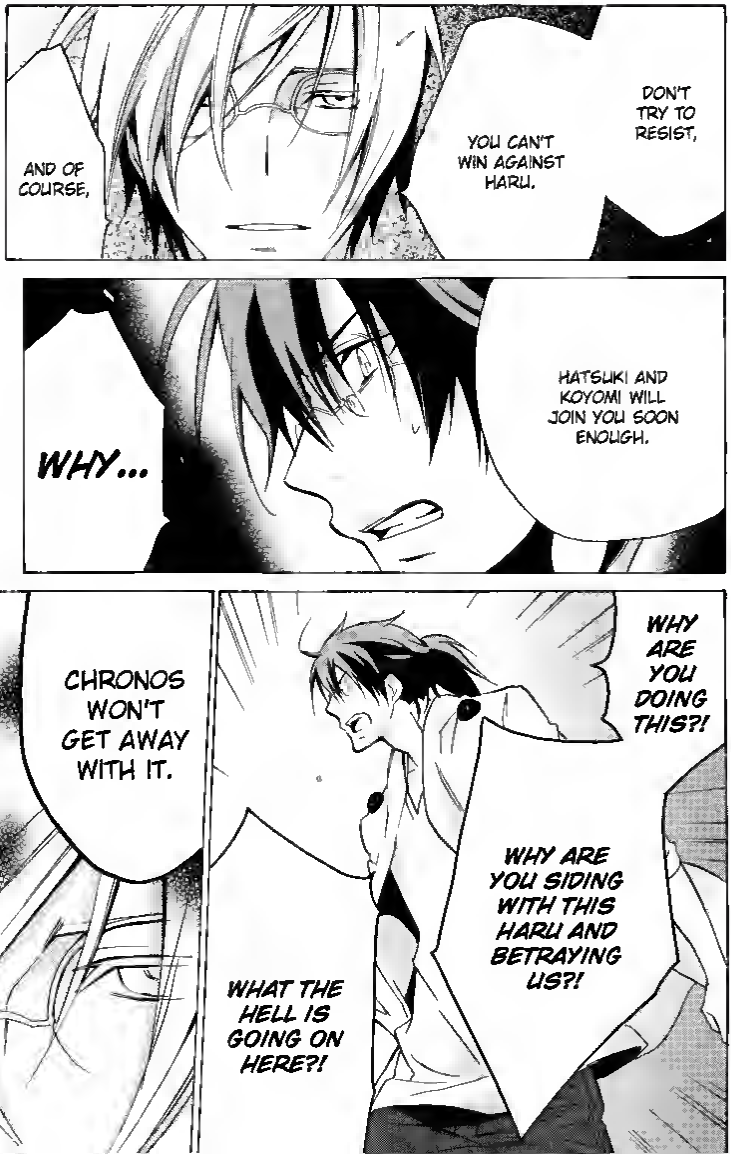
DON'T TRY TO RESIST,
YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST HARU.
AND OF COURSE,
HATSUKI AND KOYOMI WILL JOIN YOU SOON ENOUGH.
WHY...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
WHY ARE YOU SIDING WITH THIS HARU AND BETRAYING US?!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?!
CHRONOS WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT.

CRASH
!
Spurt
THIS IS ALL
CHRONOS' FAULT.
Chronos' fault?!

LET THEM GO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CHRONOS ?!

WHY AREN'T YOU FOLLOWING MY ORDERS?
I WARNED YOU, DIDN'T I?
THAT THING IS NOT THE CHRONOS YOU REMEMBER.
THAT SHADOW IS PROBABLY SOMEBODY ELSE'S PAWN
AND THIS SHADOW IS JUST ONE OF HIS PAWNS.
THIS IS NOT .. CHRONOS?
KAMINAGA SHOU, RIKU, SAKI...
YOUR OWN MEMORIES...
SOMEONE HAS BEEN TAKING THEM ALL AWAY...
A... false... -ronos...
Isolate you... possessed...

Io!
Don't listen to those rotten Kagetsuki.
IO...
AH
I'm going to send these Kagetsuki and their Shadows back to the World of Shadows!
WOOSH
IO!
PLEASE HAVE FAITH IN US!

IO...
IO...
YOU...
Resist your inner voice...
YOU ARE NOT ALONE!
WILL THESE WORDS REACH IO'S HEART?
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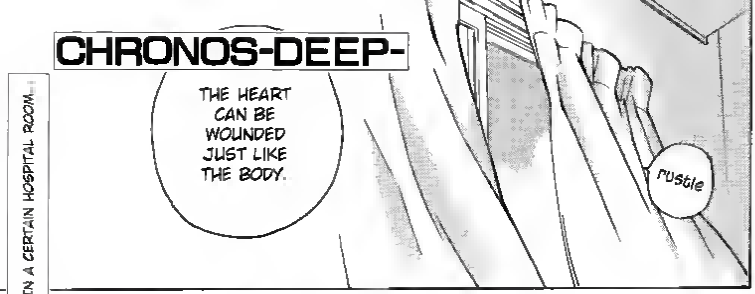

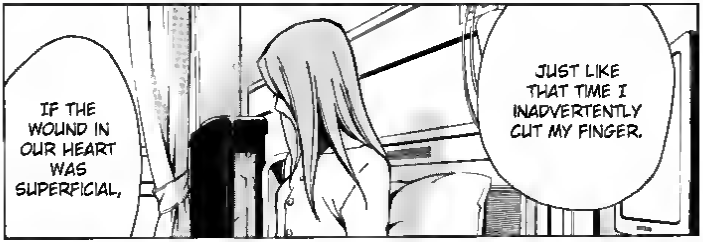

EVEN IF IT CAN NOT BE SEEN,
THE PAIN CAUSED BY SUCH A DEEP WOUND WOULD PROBABLY BE FATAL.
...
THAT'S WHY YOU TRY TO IGNORE YOUR WOUNDS,
JUST AS IF THEY WERE NOT THERE.
THAT WAY THE PAIN DISAPPEARS.
AND YET,
THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO THAT MAN.
MAYBE BY HAVING ME FEEL HIS PAIN,
THE WOUND IN HIS HEART WAS PROBABLY DEEP ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM LOSE HIS MIND.

Ep. 23 A World with no Light

CHRONOS Deep

クロノス ディープ

Aikawa Yuu

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tilt
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
SO, IO,
WHERE ARE THE TWO STUDENTS WHO WERE HERE WITH ME?
THEY DISAPPEARED ALL OF A SUDDEN...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHO ARE YOU?
I SHOWED THEM THE WAY TO THE SHADOW WORLD.
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
THE SHADOW WORLD?

IT'S JUST BEYOND THIS GATE...
WHAT'S THAT THING DOING HERE?!

THIS GATE MARKS THE BOUNDARY OF THIS WORLD.
IT IS EVERYWHERE AND NOWHERE AT THE SAME TIME.
NORMALLY PEOPLE CAN NOT SEE IT, BUT SINCE I AM HERE NOW YOU CAN SEE IT TOO...
IS THAT SHADOW...
CHRONOS?

THE ONE FOLLOWING YOU IS JUST AN EMPTY SHELL.
Don't refer to me as an "empty shell".
I'm part of both Chronos and Uranus, and that is what you should call me.
However, Chronos is down and out at the moment.

JUST AS THE NAME SUGGESTS, THE SHADOW WORLD IS THE WORLD WHERE SHADOWS LIVE.
THIS GATE IS THE ONLY PASSAGE CONNECTING THEIR WORLD TO OURS.

SO THAT IS THE REAL CHRONOS ?
WHY IS HE CHAINED UP LIKE THAT?

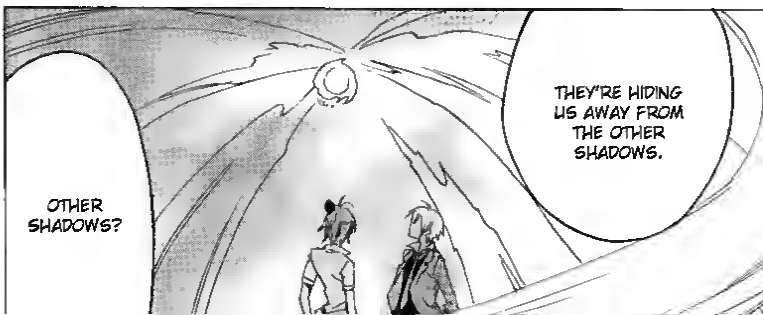
bright
AH...
WHAT'S THIS BLINDING LIGHT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
OH, IT'S YOU...
TOGAWA HATSUKI, SOMEYA KOYOMI,
AND ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TITANS.
THEY WILL NEVER COME BACK TO THIS WORLD ALIVE.
KOYO-MI?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
RHEA, YOU SHOULD HAVE PICKED OUR DESTINATION BETTER...
SIGH
I SHOULD'VE TAKEN ONE COFFIN-MYSELF!
EASY! WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

I'm here too.
shocked
K-KREI?!

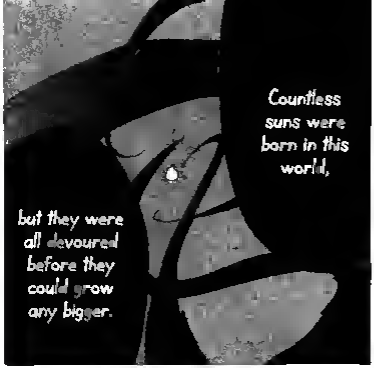
My deepest apologies, Suou-sama.
I was looking for Mnemosyne but I can't seem to find her...
WHERE IS THAT CLUMSY SHADOW?
OFF WELL
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPN
RHEA?!

THE REAL THING IS OVER THERE...
?
OVER THERE?

YOU'VE SHRUNK SO MUCH!
FONDLING
STOP IT
IDIOT
BE QUIET,
THAT'S JUST AN OFF-SPRING,
YOU IDIOT.


THEY'RE HIDING US AWAY FROM THE OTHER SHADOWS.
OTHER SHADOWS?

SO, RHEA IS PROTECTING US?
THEY WOULD DEVOUR US IN A SECOND.
Wow
SHADOWS FEED ON HEAT,
AND THE SHADOWS THAT DWELL IN THIS COLD WORLD ARE CONSTANTLY HUNGRY.
CHRONOS' LIGHT?
The small sun embedded in his chest.
Since Krei is lending a hand, the barrier will last longer.
WE CAN ALSO COUNT ON CHRONOS' LIGHT...
When we went through Chronos to reach the Shadow World,
Chronos entrusted it to us.
But we'd better hurry up and find Riku-sama and the others.
Thanks to that little sun, we don't even have to steal your warmth.


Countless suns were born in this world,
but they were all devoured before they could grow any bigger.

Because that sun is part of him.
OTHER SHADOWS CAN FEED OFF CHRONOS SOO BUT CHRONOS HIMSELF ONLY
REALLY ?
THEN WHY DID CHRONOS FEED ON IO'S WARMTH?

His body absorbed the newborn light,
and he became the shining white Shadow we all know.
One day, unable to stand it any longer,
Chronos placed one of them in his chest.

BUT WHY DID CHRONOS COME TO THE HUMAN WORLD
IF HE WAS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE GATE BETWEEN THE TWO WORLDS?
.....

CHRONOS IS REALLY COOL.
I WISH I WAS THAT...
CHRONOS IS REALLY A KING AMONG KINGS.
ONE DAY, THAT SUN WILL GROW BIG ENOUGH
TO ILLUMINATE THE SHADOW WORLD

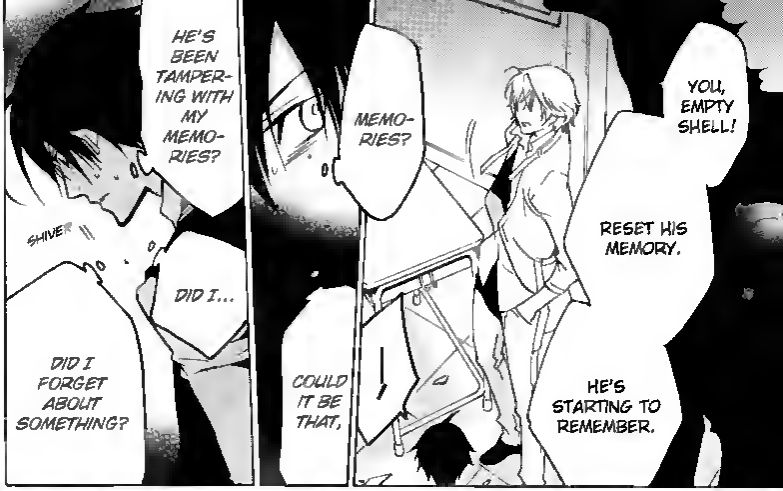
I'M SORRY BUT I JUST CAN'T TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY WITH A FACE LIKE THAT...
What did you say?!
NANASAWA IO?
Because of Nanasawa Io...
Nanasawa Io was the cause of all this?
ARE YOU REALLY...
THE CAUSE OF IT ALL?
YES...
YOUR FACE IS JUST HILARIOUS!
How rude!
Stop it, you two!
WHAT A NUISANCE

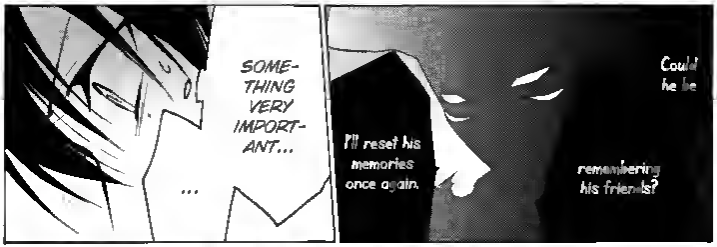
I WAS THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS SUFFERING.
THAT'S WHY THAT MAN
HAS BEEN TRYING TO TAKE EVERYTHING AWAY FROM ME,
IN ORDER TO PLUNGE ME INTO REAL SUFFERING.
WHAT IS THIS "REAL SUFFERING"?
.....
IT'S WHAT YOU'RE EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW.

SMILING HOLLOWLY,
WHILE PAYING NO HEED TO THE PAIN YOU FEEL.
YOU WON'T SEE TOGAWA HATSUKI AND SOMEYA KOYOMI EVER AGAIN,
BUT YOU DON'T FEEL ANYTHING, DO YOU, IO?
IT'S CRUEL, DON'T YOU THINK?
NOT REALIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE LOST.

I'VE ALWAYS... BEEN ALONE...
HAD... A FRIEND...
Resist your inner voice,
and trust your friends
I... HAVE...
NEVER...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
so...
please have faith in us!
lo,
you...
LOST...
I HAVEN'T...
lo...

You are not alone!
TREMBLE
PLICK PLICK
ANYTHING...
EH?!
WHY AM I CRYING?
I CAN'T HAVE YOU CRYING, IO.


HE'S BEEN TAMPERING WITH MY MEMORIES?
MEMORIES?
YOU, EMPTY SHELL!
SHIVER
DID I...
RESET HIS MEMORY.
DID I FORGET ABOUT SOMETHING?
COULD IT BE THAT,
HE'S STARTING TO REMEMBER.


SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT...
...
I'll reset his memories once again.
Could he be remembering his friends?

Haru!
NO!
He's resisting!
I'M JUST ABOUT TO REMEMBER....

I can't manipulate his memories if he puts up such a strong resistance!
ISN'T IT PAINFUL TO REMEMBER, IO?
WHY ARE YOU RESISTING?
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO ASKED CHRONOS
TO HELP YOU FORGET ALL THIS PAIN?
UGH
DIDN'T YOU...
JUST SAY...
THAT IT WAS CRUEL...
NOT TO REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE...
OF THE THINGS I'VE LOST?

DO YOU KNOW WHY?
I DON'T...
EVEN THOUGH I HATE YOUR GUTS,
I DON'T WISH TO SEE YOU CRYING YOUR HEART OUT LIKE THAT.
YES, BUT,
YOU SEE...
BECAUSE I WANT TO BREAK YOU.
AND CRYING,
IS TOO HUMAN A THING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

BREAK... YOU...?
THAT MAN...
HE MUST BE REALLY LONELY, DON'T YOU THINK?
HE WAS PROBABLY BROKEN HIMSELF,
AND WANTED YOU TO BE WITH HIM...
YES,
BUT BACK THEN, ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS...

The mere fact that this thought had crossed my mind,
...
I'm not like you.
I'm far more scared of forgetting about the people I care for, than I am of suffering.
slide
FLICK
WHIZ
means that I haven't always been alone!
IO IS DETERMINED AND READY TO CONFRONT HIS PAIN!
CRASH

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?
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WHO WAS THE GIRL WALKING DOWN THE ROAD BY MY SIDE?
WHOM DID I HAVE A FIGHT WITH IN THAT PARK?
WHO WERE THESE PEOPLE WHO WERE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE?
THOSE PEOPLE WERE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE...
BACK THEN I WAS MOST DEFINITELY NOT ALONE
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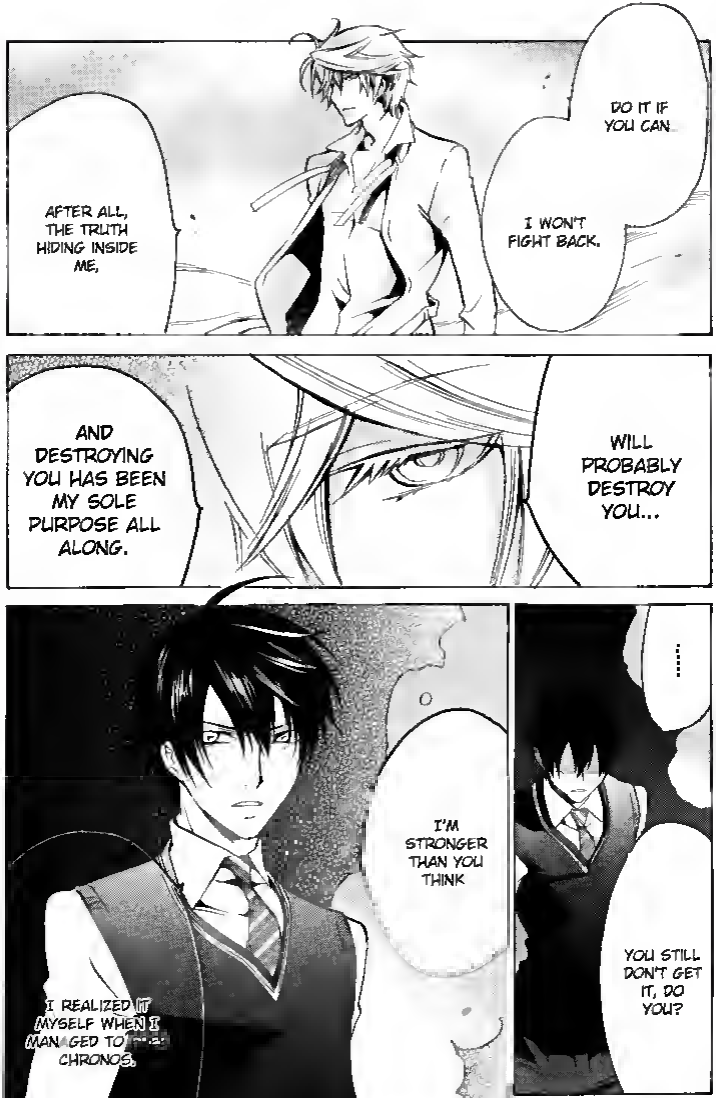
BUT I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER THEIR FACES...
It's all right, Io.
I'm here with you
I'll always be with you.
A FLICKERING MEMORY, SO VAGUE, THAT IT'S HARD TO TELL WHETHER IT'S TRUTH OR A DREAM...
Aikawa Yuu

AS SOON AS THE ARDENT WISH TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING
FORMED IN MY MIND,
THE CHAINS BINDING CHRONOS SHATTERED.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... DID THAT ALLOW YOU TO RECOVER YOUR MEMORY?
Io...
AND THE REAL CHRONOS CAME BACK TO ME.
DID YOU REMEMBER ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS?
C-CHRONOS?
NO,...
ONLY CHRONOS, AND THE MEMORIES LINKED TO HIM, CAME BACK

IN ORDER TO REMEMBER EVERYTHING,
I HAD TO OPEN THE GATE LEADING TO THE SHADOW WORLD.
AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT...
IF YOU WANT TO OPEN THE GATE,
YOU ALSO HAVE TO FREE THE OTHER GATE WARDEN, URANUS.
IT'S EASY ENOUGH
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STEAL URANUS AWAY FROM ME USING CHRONOS' POWER.
!

CHRONOS,
GO!
Are you sure, Io?
If I steal Uranus away from him,
you will peer into this man's soul.
...?
YOU MEAN, LIKE SEEING HIS MEMORIES?
I'VE ALREADY DONE THAT WITH KAGETSUKI...
DO YOU THINK IT'S A BAD IDEA?
LOOKS LIKE CHRONOS IS SCARED.
BECAUSE IF YOU WERE TO SEE MY MEMORIES,
THE TRUTH THAT CHRONOS HAS BEEN TRYING TO HIDE FROM YOU ALL ALONG
WOULD FINALLY COME TO LIGHT.
AND THE TRUTH WOULD DEFINITELY HURT YOU, IO.


DO IT IF YOU CAN.
I WON'T FIGHT BACK.
AFTER ALL, THE TRUTH HIDING INSIDE ME,
WILL PROBABLY DESTROY YOU...
AND DESTROYING YOU HAS BEEN MY SOLE PURPOSE ALL ALONG.
I'M STRONGER THAN YOU THINK
I REALIZED IT MYSELF WHEN I MANAGED TO [illegible] CHRONOS.
.....
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH I'LL HAVE TO SUFFER
I'm far more scared of forgetting the people I care about.
SWISH
IN ORDER TO HAVE THEM BACK...
PLICK
NOW I WANT TO KNOW...
WELL, THEN
YOU SAID I FORGOT ALL ABOUT YOU
WHO YOU ARE.
AND WHY YOU KILLED MY FAMILY.

IO...
SWISH
DO YOU REALLY ...
Will you be able to stand it?

Startled
T-THIS IS...
THIS IS MY HOUSE, BEFORE IT WAS BURNED DOWN...
THIS VOICE...
MOM?
DAD?
IS THERE SOMEONE DOWNSTAIRS?
THERE...
THUMP
THUMP
WHO ARE YOU?
That's me from four years ago?!
THUMP

IT'S ME, IO.
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOUR OLDER BROTHER?
.....!?
IT'S ME, HARU.
IO...
Haru...
My older brother?!

THIS...
IS NOT YOUR HOME, IS IT, IO?
THAT'S WHY I DESTROYED IT
SHE'S NOT YOUR REAL SISTER, IS SHE?
WHO ARE YOU?
I DON'T HAVE A BROTHER...
I HAVE A LITTLE SISTER..
THAT SHADOW HAS MANIPULATED YOUR MEMORIES IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOU
THIS IS... MY HOME...
WHAT IS...
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT SHADOW
WHAT ARE YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THIS ISN'T YOUR REAL FAMILY.
THEY'VE ADOPTED YOU OUT OF PITY.
YOU THOUGHT THEY REALLY LOVED YOU...
THAT CAN'T BE...
BA-DUM!
BA-DUM!
It must be because he's not our child.
That boy is scary...
YOU FORGOT ABOUT YOUR REAL FAMILY,
WHICH I ALONE STILL REMEMBER.

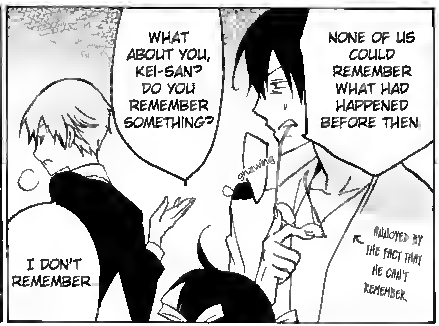
OF THE DAY ON WHICH I LOST EVERYTHING.
MY BODY HEALED, BUT EVERY NIGHT I WAS HAUNTED BY THE MEMORY
BUT THE THOUGHT OF MY ONLY BROTHER WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP ME GOING.
AFTER THE ACCIDENT,
I WAS BADLY INJURED AND WE WERE SEPARATED
THE THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME OUT THERE GAVE ME THE STRENGTH TO GO ON LIVING.
YOU HAD COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME,
AND THAT YOU WERE LEADING A HAPPY LIFE WITH YOUR FALSE FAMILY,
OBLIVIOUS TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO US.
AND THEN,
WHEN I WAS FINALLY DIS-CHARGED,
AND TURNED OLD ENOUGH TO LEAVE THE INSTITUTE,
I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT

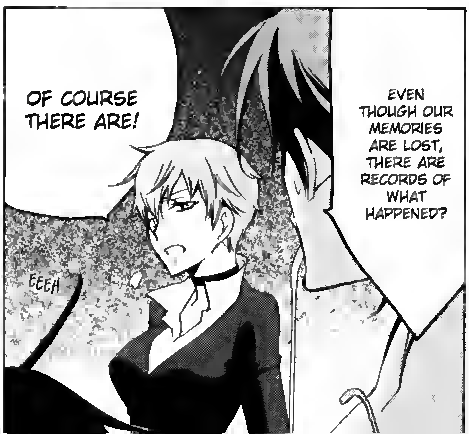
push
LET ME GO!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
DAD!
MOM?!
tlack
AH...
NO...
THAT'S A LIE...
I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT...
TWITCH
THAT'S RIGHT...
It all started with my wish not to see it...
That's when I met Chronos...

BUT IN TRUTH...
CHRONOS HAD ALREADY BEEN HIDING INSIDE ME FOR A PRETTY LONG TIME, HADN'T HE?
YES, IO.
THE GATE OF THE SHADOW WORLD WAS OPENED 7 YEARS AGO...
SEVEN YEARS AGO...
THAT'S WHEN HUMANS FIRST CAME IN CONTACT WITH SHADOWS.
IS THAT WHAT KIRIKI-SAN TOLD YOU?

SEVEN YEARS AGO...
THAT'S WHEN WE MET AT THE ORPHANAGE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
EEEH?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHO WE ARE?!
AGH!
CIVIL SER-VANTS.


NONE OF US COULD REMEMBER WHAT HAD HAPPENED BEFORE THEN.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KEI-SAN? DO YOU REMEMBER SOMETHING?
I DON'T REMEMBER
ANGUISHED BY THE FACT THAT HE CAN'T REMEMBER.


OF COURSE THERE ARE!
EEEH
EVEN THOUGH OUR MEMORIES ARE LOST, THERE ARE RECORDS OF WHAT HAPPENED?

CIVIL SERVANTS SPECIALIZING IN INVESTIGATION
THAT'S RIGHT!
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT

It is...
After all, seven years ago,
Koyomi was still a child...
I CAN'T FEEL PEACE, CORE AND HEAD ARE UNABLE
WHAT KIND OF ANSWER IS THAT?
I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT MY PAST.
KOYOMI
I TRIED LOOKING INTO THE MATTER MYSELF ONCE,
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH TO BEAR FOR A CHILD.
K
M
ORDINARY INVESTIGATORS AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER PROBABLY KNOW A LOT ABOUT OUR PAST.
THE TRUTH WAS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL,
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, TETHYS?
AND OUR MEMORIES WERE MANIPULATED BY SHADOWS,

*T/N: KE!'S SHADOW. THEMIS WAS THE EMBODIMENT OF DIVINE ORDER, LAW AND CUSTOM.

LEAVING OUT KAMINAGA SUOU, WHO WAS POSSESSED BY RHEA ONLY RECENTLY,
WHAT DO THE PEOPLE WHO BECAME KAGETSUKI SEVEN YEARS AGO
HAVE IN COMMON?
IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF COINCIDENCE
KEI?
BY THE WAY, WE'D BETTER FOCUS ON FINDING A WAY TO GET OUT OF HERE.
I WONDER IF SAKI AND THE OTHERS ARE ALL RIGHT...
KEI.
IF THERE WAS AT LEAST A HEAT SOURCE OR A LIGHT...
WE MAY NOT MAKE IT AFTER ALL
MEG-CHAN?!

WE JUST ALL HAPPENED TO BE IN THE SAME PLACE SEVEN YEARS AGO.
ALL OF US.
AND WHERE WAS THAT EXACTLY?
WHAT HAPPENED TO US.
WHAT A DIRTY-MINDED SON I HAVE
.....
EVEN THOUGH I WOULDN'T MIND A DIFFERENT SORT OF BIRTHDAY SURPRISE BY TWO CHICKS LIKE YOU...
BEFORE I DIE, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
WILL YOU BE A GOOD PARENT TO ME FOR ONCE?
IN THE SKY.

ROAR
clatter
ROAR
shaking
MOM!
COME BACK HERE, HATSUKI!
clatter
ROAR
IT'S TIME TO UNVEIL ALL OF THE MYSTERIES AND LEARN WHERE IT ALL BEGAN. DON'T MISS THE LAST SHOCKING CHAPTER!
HAT-SUKI!
shaking
ONII-CHAN...
shake
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THE SKY WHERE IT ALL STARTED SEVEN YEARS AGO

WE FIRST MET ON THAT DAY,

BUT WE HAD BEEN WATCHING YOU

LONG BEFORE THAT.

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Ep25 NEXT TO YOU

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ONCE, EVEN OUR SHADOW WORLD...
USED TO BE BATHED IN LIGHT, JUST LIKE YOURS.
HOWEVER, WE KEPT SCRAMBLING FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING,
UNTIL NOTHING WAS LEFT ANYMORE
EVEN OUR OWN BODIES CHANGED TO ALLOW US TO SURVIVE ON AS LITTLE ENERGY AS POSSIBLE
OUR BODIES,
AS WELL AS OUR MINDS, BECAME LONG AND THIN...
BEFORE OUR EVENTUAL EXTINCTION...
BEFORE LONG, THE ONLY THING LEFT TO STEAL WAS EACH OTHER'S WARMTH...
THAT'S WHEN WE OPENED THE DOOR
LEADING TO THE NEXT WORLD...
THE HUMAN WORLD...

THAT RAY OF LIGHT, PIERCING OUR HOLLOW WORLD
BECAME THE LIFELINE PREVENTING OUR DESTRUCTION.
In fact,
DURING THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS,
MOST SHADOWS LOST REASON AND INTELLECT,
THIRTEEN SHADOWS WERE APPOINTED TO GUARD THE DOOR
BUT THE THIRTEEN WARDENS DID NOT.
they even give a name to things that do not exist.
in the human world, each creature had a different name.
I didn't know that.

You're watching him once again, aren't you, Chronos?
Themis.
THINGS WENT ON LIKE THAT FOR A VERY LONG TIME...
THAT MERELY PEEPING AT IT THROUGH THAT CRACK MADE US HAPPY.
THAT WORLD WAS SO FULL OF LIGHT AND WARMTH,
Let's choose names for ourselves too!
Ehh?
Let's borrow them from the human world.
CHRONOS
Yes, but what kind of names?
REI
HAT
HAT
THE THREE OF THEM WERE ALREADY GOOD FRIENDS.
I don't know why...
Every day,
you watch that boy.
But,
since the day he was born, I couldn't tear my eyes off of him.
STARE
YOU'RE OVERDOING IT.
Why?

But..
I grow restless when I don't see him.
The mere sight of him makes me feel at peace.
Do you know it, Chronos?
What is that feeling called in the human world?
Oh my..
That's what makes him so cute.
Hu hu hu
I thought you were more knowledgeable about humans, since you watch them all the time!
Not really...?
WHAT DOES "CUTE" MEAN?
MNEMOSYNE
I WANT TO FALL IN LOVE...
I want to find my own human pet soon!
STALKING HAS BECOME OUR MAIN OCCUPATION...
THEN, ONE DAY, THERE WAS THAT ACCIDENT...

On that day,
HE BETRAYED YOU?
Chronos betrayed us all.
Our only hope was embedded in Chronos' chest.
I'LL WARM YOU
WARM
PAT PAT
Chronos left both us and the Shadow World behind,
and rushed off to the human world...
SCOLD AND WARM
KEEI, YOU'RE BLUSHING THAT TOO MUCH. YOU'RE PISSING ME OFF.
That small sun.
to save Nanasawa Io,
taking away our last hope.

OUR PLANE
CRASHED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN
DID THE PASSENGERS DROWN?
.....
THEY DIED WHEN THE AIRCRAFT HIT THE WATER.
.....
AND ONLY WE WERE SAVED?
EXACTLY.
WHY?!
ALL OF OUR RELATIVES WHO WERE WITH US ON THAT PLANE DIED...
WHY WERE WE THE ONLY ONES WHO WERE SAVED?
Because I...

And I chose no one but you, Kei...

I...
I chose you, Koyomi.
PLEASE DON'T CRY
TETHYS...

THEMIS!
blush

DIDN'T YOU, CEAN?
YOU'RE DROOLING!
AND YOU CHOSE ME.
squeak

MNEMOSYNE'S SHELTER
I couldn't save your family, Saki-chan.
I'm sorry...
DEJECTED
MNEMOSYNE...
YOU CHOSE...
SAKI-CHAN?

I don't really know...
When Chronos went to save Io,
I followed him together with Krei and Tethys.
AMONG ALL THE PASSENGERS,
WHY SAKI-CHAN?
shy
.....
WHY ARE YOU MAD?!
I couldn't help it!
?
KRUK
Then,
as soon as I saw her, I thought I wanted to save her...
I didn't want her to die...
THAT MEANS YOU...
BUT

Please forgive me!!!
WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR?
I was charmed by you! I'm sorry!
CHARMED?

AHHHH!
Don't say that!
YOU SIMPLY FELL FOR HER?!
PAUSE

SUCH BAD TASTE...
I WAS SAVED...
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT...
Stop saying that!!
You have bad taste, Krei!
IT'S UNBEARABLE TO BE POPULAR!
BECAUSE OF MY IRRESISTIBLE CHARM?!

By the time I possessed him,
he was already covered in wounds.

Hatsuki wouldn't stay in his seat,
and would have probably died first.

I LOVE YOU TOO, KREI.
KISS
AAAGGH!
ennnuu
kiss kiss
SO EACH SHADOW CHOSE A HOST,
AND THEN USED THEIR POWER TO TAKE THEM OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT?
YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HIM
Exactly.
We waited for rescuers on what remained of the aircraft after the crash.

that they might have lost their lives or their minds before the rescuers arrived
was affecting the children so much,
However, the shock of seeing their relatives die

That's why, in order to protect the children we had chosen,
we deleted the memory of the accident from their minds.

AN AIRCRASH...
sharp pain
I SURVIVED BECAUSE CHRONOS CHOSE ME...
MEANWHILE, EVERYONE ELSE DIED...
sharp pain
I...
I WAS NOT AMONG THE CHOSEN ONES.
I WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR
NOT TO BE POSSESSED BY A SHADOW
SO I
REMEMBERED EVERYTHING.

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THOSE TERRIBLE MOMENTS AS THE PLANE CRASHED.
MY PARENTS DYING...
ALL OF THESE THINGS WERE BRANDED IN MY MIND FOREVER.
I ALONE, IN THE WHOLE WORLD, REMEMBERED ALL THAT.
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EVEN NOW, I FEEL AS IF
I WERE STILL DRIFTING ON THAT OCEAN
URANUS CAME TO ME,
WHEN I SAW THAT IO WAS LIVING HAPPILY WITH HIS NEW FAMILY,
ALONG WITH THOSE OF THE TWELVE WARDENS WHO HAD NOT FOLLOWED CHRONOS.

I FELT EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.
URANUS SAID HE WANTED TO TAKE BACK THE LIGHT THAT CHRONOS HAD TAKEN AWAY WITH HIM.
HE SAID THAT HE HATED CHRONOS FOR LEAVING HIM BEHIND.
AND THAT HE HATED THE HUMAN WORLD FOR LURING CHRONOS AWAY.
SO I LET HIM POSSESS ME.

THUS ALL THE WARDENS LEFT THE SHADOW WORLD.
AND SHADOWS STARTED COMING TO THE HUMAN WORLD THROUGH THE UNGUARDED GATE.
THAT'S HOW THE KAGETSUKI WERE BORN.
IT WAS...

IT WAS ALL BECAUSE...
CHRONOS WANTED TO PROTECT ME...
PANT
I FORGOT
EVERYTHING I HAD LOST.
AND THEN LOST EVERY-THING ONCE AGAIN.
YOU'VE REMEMBERED EVERYTHING, HAVEN'T YOU, IO?

LOOK,
A GAPING WOUND OPENS ON YOUR CHEST,
JUST AS IF SOMETHING HAD BEEN TORN OUT OF YOU...
THE WOUND THAT WILL NOT HEAL
MY CHEST...
PANT
IT HURTS...
DON'T CRY,
JUST LET IT GO,

PANT
PANT...
JUST AS IF THERE WAS NOTHING WORTHWHILE
IN THIS WORLD, TO BEGIN WITH..
CLOSE YOUR EYES, SO YOU DON'T SEE ANYTHING ANYMORE
AND CLOSE THE GATE TO THE SHADOW WORLD
JUST LET THE DARKNESS SWALLOW YOU...
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I DON'T CARE IF IT HURTS...
I DON'T CARE
HUG
I'M NOT ALONE,
I CAN STAND THE PAIN,
AND NEITHER ARE YOU. NOT ANYMORE.
BUT I'M AFRAID OF LOSING
ALL THE PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT

IO...
OPEN THE GATE
OF THE SHADOW WORLD, CHRONOS!

ARE YOU OKAY
WITH THAT?
DID THE PAIN... DID IT COME BACK AS WELL?
YOU REMEMBERED...
EVERYTHING.
OF COURSE NOT
DURING THE FIRST MOMENTS AFTER RECOVERING MY MEMORY,
I WOULD WAKE UP SUDDENLY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
IT ALL CAME BACK TO YOU.
I WOULD GO TO THE LIVING ROOM BECAUSE I COULDN'T SLEEP,
AND THERE..

YOU CAN'T SLEEP, EITHER?
IO,
THERE WAS INDEED SOMEONE.
YOU SEE ALL OF US...
WE'RE ALL COVERED IN WOUNDS
AND THE SAME GOES FOR KOYOMI, MEG, SAKI, KEI AND RIKU.
BUT WE MANAGE TO GO ON.
HATSUKI PUT ON A BRAVE FRONT DURING SHADOW HUNTS,
BUT HE WAS DYING ON THE INSIDE
BECAUSE WE CAN RELY ON ONE ANOTHER.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE EITHER, MATSUKURA-SAN.
I'LL COME VISIT YOU AGAIN.
PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT...
EH?
YOU DROPPED THIS
I KNEW I WOULD FIND YOU HERE, BROTHER.
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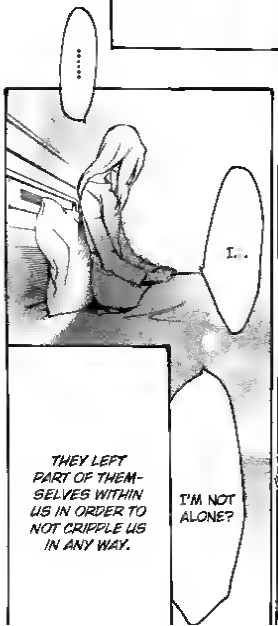
rub rub rub rub
IT'S EMBARRASSING
ENOUGH
ONE DAY, MATSUKURA-SAN WILL UNDERSTAND
YOU CAME TO CHECK ON ME?
DON'T WORRY.
MEG!
DON'T REALLY HUH
DON'T BE CARELESS
YOU CAME TOO!
QUIT IT ALREADY.
IO IS NO LONGER A CHILD!
OKAY..
GO JOIN THEM
I'LL TAKE YOUR BROTHER HOME
I DROVE THEM HERE
WELL, THE OTHERS WANTED TO WALK TO SCHOOL WITH YOU, IO
WHY ARE WE EVEN WAITING?
IT'S SO HOT
WHY CAN'T WE WAIT INSIDE?

CHRONOS AND THE TWELVE SHADOWS WENT BACK TO THEIR OWN WORLD, BUT...

"WHEN I DIE, I WANT COEUS TO ABSORB ALL OF MY WARMTH."
HE PROBABLY KEPT FAITH IN HIS WORD AND DIED JUST LIKE THAT IN THE SHADOW WORLD.



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Io!
If you don't hurry, we'll be late!
CHRONOS!
IS THAT
TRUE?
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT!
YOU LEFT US OUT TO DRY IN THE SUN.
SO HOT!
I WISH WE'D HAVE WATER FOR YOU EVEN FOR A SECOND
HUKE? UP
ICE PACK
CAN WE MAKE HIYASHI CHUKA* IN THE COOKROOM?
I WONDER
THANKS TO THAT, RIGHT NOW,
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING!
OUR LIVES ARE LIVELIER THAN EVER BEFORE.
END

*T/N: CHILLED RAMEN NOODLES WITH VARIOUS TOPPINGS SERVED IN THE SUMMER. TOPPINGS ARE USUALLY COLORFUL COLD INGREDIENTS AND TARE SAUCE